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SUBJECT: USIRJC ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) MIKLOS-NAAS TELECON; (B) TEHRAN 5841;

(C) TEHRAN 5518

1. FOR USE IN JUNE 24 MEETING ON USIRJC ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, FOLLOWING IS CLARIFICATION AND EXPANSION OF CONCEPT DISCUSSED IN REF A:

(A) NO "TRUST FUND" OR "FRONT MONEY" WOULD BE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED TO USG BY GOI.

(B) GOI WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING FURNISHED HOUSING, BOTH INTERIM AND LONG TERM, FOR US TECHNICIANS.

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(C) INDIVIDUAL GOI MINISTRIES/AGENCIES REQUESTING

AND RECEIVING US TECHNICIANS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE AS CONTRACTING PARTIES FOR PROCURING HOUSING AND FURNISHINGS THEREOF, INCLUDING ANY ADVANCE SECURITY PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY SUPPLIERS OF HOUSING AND FURNISHINGS.

(D) IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND MAKE UNIFORM THE PROCUREMENT OF HOUSING AND FURNISHINGS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE OR OTHER CENTRAL AGENCY OF GOI WOULD ASSIST TECHNICIAN-RECEIVING GOI AGENCIES IN (1) NEGOTIATING CONTRACTS FOR HOUSING; (2) NEGOTIATING A SINGLE MASTER CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF FURNISHINGS; AND (3) NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS IN VARIOUS LOCALITIES FOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR REPAIRS; SUCH CONTRACTS WOULD BE SIGNED BY TECHNICIAN-RECEIVING GOI AGENCIES.

(E) EACH TECHNICIAN-RECEIVING GOI AGENCY WOULD WORK OUT UNIFORM ARRANGEMENT WITH US EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO (1) ASSIGN US TECHNICIANS TO HOUSING; (2) INSTRUCT FURNISHINGS CONTRACTOR TO PREPARE HOUSING FOR OCCUPANCY; AND (3) INSTRUCT MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR TO MAKE MINOR RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS, ALL AT EXPENSE OF RELEVANT RECEIVING GOI AGENCIES.

2. THIS SYSTEM OBVIOUSLY IS NOT AS CONVENIENT AS A CONSOLIDATED GOI RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ASPECTS OF HOUSING, BUT DISCUSSION WITH GOI THUS FAR SUGGESTS THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED. FOREGOING SCHEME ALSO IS NOT AS CONVENIENT AS CONSOLIDATION OF ALL SUCH RESPONSIBILITY IN THE EMBASSY, BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE OF FUNDS BY GOI TO USG, WHICH APPEARS TO BE UNACCEPTABLE TO GOI.

3. FOREGOING SCHEME OVIATES NEED FOR ADVANCE OF FUNDS BY GOI TO USG BUT PROBABLY WOULD ENTAIL AN ADVANCE OF FUNDS BY GOI TO VARIOUS LOCAL CONTRACTORS OF HOUSING AND SERVICES. PRESUMABLY THIS IS NORMAL PROCEDURE WHERE SECURITY OF GOI CONTRACT ITSELF IS NOT ADEQUATE TO ENABLE CONTRACTOR TO OBTAIN FINANCING TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARRY OUT CONTRACTUAL SERVICES. SUCH CONTRACTS, HOWEVER, SHOULD GREATLY REDUCE NECESSITY FOR ADVANCE OF FUNDS IN THAT LONG TERM GOI CONTRACT SHOULD BE BANKABLE SECURITY FOR LOCAL BORROWING BY CONTRACTORS.

4. AS EMBASSY KNOWS, THERE IS NO PRACTICAL USG ALTERNATIVE FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR ADVANCE RENTAL

PAYMENTS AND CASH OUTLAYS TO PROVIDERS OF
FURNISHINGS. TO SEEK FUNDS FROM CONGRESS TO BE
ADVANCED TO GOI WOULD BE UNWISE AND PROBABLY UNSUCCESSFUL
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS "US TAXPAYERS
LENDING MONEY TO THE SHAH."

5. SUGGEST APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS BE MADE FOR
FOLLOW UP BY UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AND POATS ON YOUR
JUNE 24 DISCUSSION DURING THEIR BRIEF STAY IN TEHRAN
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